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SUBJECT: HOLDEN ROBERTO VISITS TUNISIA, RELEASES COMMUNIQUE

1. ANGOLA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FNLA) LEADER  
HOLDEN ROBERTO ARRIVED IN TUNIS MAY 8 FOR MEETINGS  
WITH GOT OFFICIALS. MAY 9 PRESS CARRIED TEXT OF FNLA  
COMMUNIQUE ON RECENT DISTURBANCES IN ANGOLA.

2. IN ITS COMMUNIQUE THE FNLA DECLARED THAT THE "SAD  
EVENTS IN ANGOLA PROVE ONCE MORE THAT CERTAIN GOVERN-  
MENT CIRCLES IN LISBON ARE PULLING STRINGS BEHIND THE  
SCENES (TIRENT LES FICELLES EN COULISSE) IN ORDER TO  
CREATE CONFUSION IN THE ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE PROCESS."  
"PORTUGUESE AND OTHER FOREIGN PROVOCATEURS," IT ASSERTED,  
"ARE AT THE BASE OF THE BLOODY INCIDENTS," AND THAT  
"PORTUGUESE ELEMENTS LIVING IN OUTLYING SECTIONS OF  
THE CAPITAL HAVE FIRED ON MPLA MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.  
MPLA ELEMENTS THOUGH THEY WERE ATTACKED BY OUR MEN  
AND INVADDED ONE OF OUR MILITARY POSTS. THIS AGGRESSION  
SET OFF THE CONFRONTATIONS OF LAST WEEK." THE COMMUNIQUE  
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CONTINUED THAT AT THE SAME TIME A SHIP OF AN EASTERN

COUNTRY CARRYING ARMS FOR ONE OF THE THREE MOVEMENTS WAS SEIZED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF DEFENSE WHILE EIGHT SUBVERSIVE AGENTS OF ONE OF THE THREE MOVEMENTS WERE EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY BY THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING INCITED SIX MILITANTS OF "THIS MOVEMENT" TO HATRED AND VIOLENCE. "INASMUCH AS THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE PRESENCE OF THESE FOREIGN ELEMENTS ON ANGOLESE SOIL LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ENJOYED A CERTAIN COMPLICITY ON THE PART OF SOME OFFICIALS IN LISBON. THE FNLA, FOR ITS PART, EXPECTS THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO OBSERVE SCRUPULOUSLY THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE INDEPENDENCE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN ALGIERS ON JANUARY 15, 1975." THE COMMUNIQUE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OUGHT NOT TO PERMIT ANY INTERVENTION, FROM WHEREVER IT MAY COME, IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS SINCE THEY MAY COMPROMISE THE INDEPENDENCE PROCESS. "LIKEWISE," IT ADDED, "THE ANGOLAN TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE OPOSED TO ALL INTERFERENCE BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE FNLA REJECTS ANY PROCEDURE FOR RESOLUTION NOT FORESEEN BY THE ALGIERS AGREEMENT AND ON WHICH THE CHIEFS OF THE THREE MOVEMENTS ARE NOT CONSULTED. WE BELIEVE THAT DIRECT CONTACT IS THE MOST EFFICACIOUS WAY TO SOLUTION. THE FNLA REMAINS TRUE TO THE ALGIERS AGREEMENT AND WILL DENOUNCE ANY DILATORY, NEO-COLONIALIST MANEUVER." THE COMMUNIQUE ENDED BY NOTING THAT THOSE WHO FOMENT THESE MANEUVERS WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AGGRAVATION OF A SITUATION THAT THE FNLA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TOLERATE ANY LONGER.

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